Forest Industries, Travancore.

147. MR. P. T. CHACKO: Will the Honourable Minister for Labour be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government are aware that Forest Industries Travancore has resorted to a system of giving private contracts to defeat the provisions of the Factory Act by converting the labourers as employees of the private contractors; and

(*b*) have the Government taken any steps to protect the labourers from this?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view to answer to (a).

Bridges.

148. MR. V. K. VERGHESE (*Pathanamthitta III—General*): Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether Government are aware that one bridge at Thumpamon—Kozhencherry road and another on Kulanada-Omalloor road are in complete damaged condition and that much inconvenience is caused to the travelling public at these bridges?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: Yes. Arrangements have been made for reconstructing the bridge in 7/4 Thumpamon-Kozhencherry road and for renewing the damaged planks of the one in Kulanada-Omalloor road.

Puthenchirai Parur road.

149. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether he is aware that Puthenchirai (in Parur taluk) has no connecting road to Parur, the headquarters of the taluk;

(*b*) whether any petition has been received from the people of the locality stating the urgent necessity of a road connecting to Parur town; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative whether any action has been taken?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

Pattani thodu in Parur taluk.

150. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount provided in the Budget of 1123 for deepening the Pattani thodu in Parur taluk;

(*b*) the amount spent till 15-11-1123;

(*c*) the amount expected to be spent before the end of the year; and

(*d*) whether he is aware that this thodu goes right through the Parur town?

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HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Rs. 3,000.
(*b*) Nil.
(*c*) Nil.
(*d*) Yes.

Shifting the jurisdiction of Varapuzha pakuthi.

151. MR. PAUL THALIATH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Registration be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any petition has been received from the public of Varapuzha pakuthi (Parur taluk) requesting to shift the jurisdiction of that pakuthy to Parur Registry Offices, as was the case before instead of putting it under the jurisdiction of Edappally Registry Office as is the case now;

(*b*) the date on which the petition was received; and

(*c*) whether any action has been taken?

HON'BLE MR. C. KESAVAN: (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) 11-4-1121.
(*c*) The matter was investigated by the Re-allocation Officer who did not recommend any change of jurisdiction.

ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് വണ്ടികൾക്ക് അവശ്യമുള്ള പെട്രോൾ.

152. MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom II—General*): താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് മന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

(എ) ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറുവക വണ്ടികൾ ഒരു ഗ്യാലൻ പെട്രോളിനു എത്ര മൈൽ ഓടുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു കണക്കാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആ കണക്കു പ്രസ്താവിക്കുമോ?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Vehicles of $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons capacity yield on an average of 9 miles per gallon and vehicles of 6 tons and above 6 miles per gallon.

Attingal-Dalavapuram Road.

153. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount has been Budgetted this year for the conversion of the Attingal-Dalavapuram road, sections 1 to 3;

(*b*) whether tenders were called for and received by P. W. D. for the construction of this road in 1123;

(*c*) if so, whether any tender was accepted and executive orders issued accordingly; and

(*d*) why the work was not yet taken up?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) The question is under consideration.

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